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### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An optical attenuator comprising:  
an optical fiber comprising an attenuating part which is bent to obtain a desired attenuation;  
a fixture fixing the optical fiber thereto;  
two optical connectors respectively aligned with opposite ends of the optical fiber; and  
a housing having a cover and a frame to receive the fixture therein; wherein the fixture comprises a rear supporting portion, a central retaining portion, and two holders for engaging with two corresponding optical connectors, respectively, wherein the optical connectors are partially engaged in the housing.

Claim 2 (canceled)

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12-5-03 Claim 3 (original): The optical attenuator as described in claim 1, wherein each of the optical connectors is a subscriber connector plug connector.

Claim 4 (canceled)